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Nixon Remark Miffs Icelanders

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REYKJAVIK, May 31—President Nixon's reminiscences about his first visit to Iceland in 1956 have irritated some Icelandic officials.

During his flight here Wednesday, Mr. Nixon said that in 1956 American servicemen gave him a warm welcome at Keflavik Air Base—"that, if you'll pardon the expression, god-forsaken place."

"If the President thinks God has forsaken Keflavik," an Icelandic official said yesterday, "he won't be surprised if Icelanders feel the United States also should forsake the base by pulling out its military force."

The Icelandic government spokesman, Hannes Jonnson said only: "Mr. Nixon's idea of God is very limited."